

11-03-06

dpw/\$

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

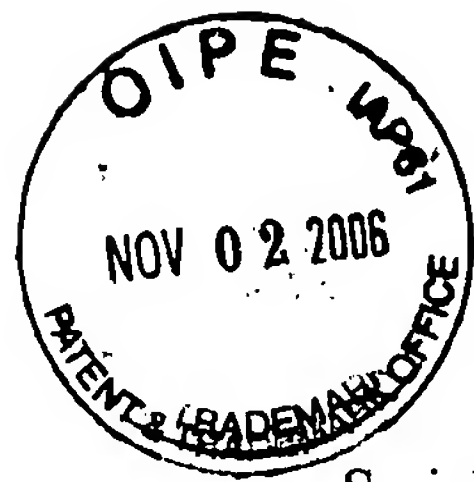
In re Application of:

Wayne D. Picard
Jose J. Arturo Talancon
David A. Trueba
Mark O. Scates
Raymond J. Zinobile

Group Art Unit: 1621

Examiner: Puttlitz, Karl J.

Atty. Docket No.: 10437.0073.NPUS02



Serial No.: 10/708,421

Confirmation No.: 2420

Filed: March 2, 2004

For: REMOVAL OF PERMANGANATE
REDUCING COMPOUNDS FROM
METHANOL CARBONYLATION
PROCESS STREAM

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED AUGUST 3, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL 37 C.F.R. 1.10	
NUMBER	<u>EV 691740748</u>
DATE OF DEPOSIT	<u>11/2/06</u>
I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "EXPRESS MAIL POST OFFICE TO ADDRESSEE" service under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.	
<u>Claudia Standiford</u>	

Dear Sir:

These remarks and amendments are filed in response to the Office Action dated August 3, 2006. Applicant submits this response with the following remarks and enclosed provisional terminal disclaimers to place the pending claims in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct \$390 for a statutory disclaimer fee from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS02. It is believed that no fees in addition to the fees authorized by the enclosed provisional terminal disclaimers are due at this time. However, should any additional fees be required for any reason relating to the present submission, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from deposit account 08-3038/10437.0073.NPUS02.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.